

A C E L D A M A

"What thou seest write in a book, and send it unto the seven."

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Game 1967AY, ARMA-8

Administrative matters.

Players should note the following address change for Steve Powlesland, playing Austira in this game:

Steve Powlesland, 130 Blaisdell Hall
Pomona College,
Claremont, Calif., 91711.

As stated in Aceldama #1 I had a letter from Larry Peery, playing Italy, stating that he intended to resign. I asked him not to but, in the several letters which I have had from him since, he has not referred to the matter. We must assume, therefore, that his resignation stands. Charles Welsh (8917 Cherry Lane, Annandale, Virginia, 22003) has volunteered to take over the position and is, therefore, now regarded as the player for Italy in this game. To give Charles a chance to negotiate with other players, and for them to negotiate with him, the deadline for spring 1968 is set back to Friday, 15 November 1968. Players who have already submitted moves may change them, or let them stand, as they see fit.

This game has already been seriously delayed through various causes. If all players in the game will write stating that they regard their moves as final I will publish Spring moves ahead of the deadline announced in the preceding paragraph.

With a new player in the game it is probably well to list the addresses of all players:

England: Clive Harris. It is an open secret that this position is actually being played by Pvt. J. J. Dygert, 2496090, Plt. 1063 MCRD, San Diego, Calif., 9214).

Germany: Gail Schow, #389, International House, Berkeley, Calif., 94720

Turkey: Rod C. Walker, 1575-A White Drive., Rantoul, Ill., 61866

Austria: Steve Powlesland, whose new address appears above.

Italy: Now Charles Welsh, whose address appears above.

Russia: Greg Long, Room 563, Haggett Hall, U. of Washington, Seattle, Wash., 98105

France: Sgt. Mike Celstre, D.P.I. No. 3, MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif., 92055.

Press Releases.

Vienna. Is it really true that Harris is actually Dygert? How can it be that Germany is handing Europe over to England? Oh, disgust! Oh, revulsion! What is the world coming to? You just can't trust anyone anymore.

Epistles.

Bob Kinney, 1021 Paradise Lane, Tacoma, Wash., 98466: I don't know whether you're doing it on purpose or not, but the last two issues I've gotten two copies each, mailed separately, one postmarked Ralston and the other postmarked Medicine Hat.

((+Following a procedure previously used in Brobdingnag, all players in Aceldama games are sent two copies of each issue which contains word of a game in which they are playing. For instance the players in game 1967AY will be sent two copies of this issue, although the players in 1967AT will only be sent one, since it contains nothing on the latter game. The two issues are mailed on separate dates, from separate post offices, or sometimes both. The purpose of the procedure is to insure as far as possible that a player gets at least one copy of an issue dealing with a game in which he is playing. (Sometimes when it is uncertain if a player can be reached more readily at his home or at his college address, for example, one of the copies will be sent to each. Usually, of course, both copies are sent to the player's normal address)).

Many cases have been reported in the Diplomacy press of players failing to receive copies of zines with moves of games in which they were playing. It is true that the correlation between the incidence of reports of such postal failures, and the general unreliability of the players concerned, is very high. However, there have been some cases of players of the highest reliability, for instance John Moning, not receiving Diplomacy zines sent to them. The second copy is an attempt to insure against such failures. -jamcc+))

"I talk about the qualities required by a ((diplomat)). I define the main quality as 'reliability', and analyze its five components as truthfulness, precision, loyalty, modesty, and a sense of proportion."

Harold Nicolson: Diaries and Letters, Vol. III.